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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJ: ICCS: REPORTS OF FRICTION BETWEEN HUNGDEL AND POLDEL

1. EMBOFFS HAVE HEARD FROM PA&E OFFICER THAT HUNGDEL AND POLDEL RECENTLY HAVE NOT SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG, SEEK TO AVOID EACH OTHER WHENEVER POSSIBLE SOCIALLY AND OFFICIALLY.

2. NEWLY RECEIVED REPORT FROM DIFFERENT SOURCE SUGGESTS THAT ONE POINT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO DELS IS THE PRG AND RELATIONSHIP OF COMMUNIST DELS TO IT. POLS CONSIDER THAT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF THE CANADIANS, HUNGEL HAS BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN ATTEMPTING CULTIVATE PRG, SUPPORTING PRG IN CASES WHERE EVIDENCE IS AGAINST PRG (I.E., INVESTIGATIONS), AND ADVOCATING BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS BECAUSE OF THE QUOTE POOR VIETNAMESE UNQUOTE (I.E., THE PRG).

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EM PPOLDEL ALSO FEELS HUNDEL DID NOT SUPPORT THEM IN PRESSING FOR

ICCS DECISION GRANTING THREE MAIN DELS TWO WEEKS PAID LEAVE IN ABSENCE OF CANDEL REPLACEMENT. HUNGDEL ALSO REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO ELIMINATE FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL, SINCE HUNGDEL USING CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, AND WANTED TO LIMIT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO TWO DAYS, RATHER THAN THREE, AT \$40.00 PER DAY.

4. POLDEL REPORTEDLY ANNOYED AT HUNGDEL'S UNILATERAL FINDINGS ALWAYS SUPPORTING PRG AND HUNGDEL INSISTENCE THAT POLDEL SHOULD GO ALONG WITH THEIR FINDINGS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE FRICTION BETWEEN VARIOUS DELS OF ICCS IS TO BE EXPECTED, THERE MAY IN FACT BE BASIC POLICY DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN HUNGARIANS AND POLES. POLES HAVE LIKED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF URBANITY AND EXPERIENCE IN ICCS CONTEXT, HAVE ALSO LIKED A KING OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CANDEL ON BASIS OF COMMON IIVS EXPERIENCES. BEGINNING MONTHS OF ICCS EXPERIENCE AND DYNAMISM OF HUNG AMB ESZTERGALYOS HAVE PERHAPS GIVEN HUNGDEL ENOUGH CONFIDENCE TO WISH TO ESCAPE QUOTE LITTLE BROTHER ROLE UNQUOTE THAT POLES MIGHT LIKE TO SEE HUNGDEL PLAY.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, REMARKS OF ESZTERGALYOS TO EMBOFF JULY 6 ARE OF INTEREST. ESZTERGALYOS SAID UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT HE BELIEVES ONE OF HIS MAJOR FUNCTIONS IN ICCS IS TO HELP BRING SVN AND PRG CLOSER TOGETHER; HE THEREFORE HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT AND CONTINUES TO SEEK CONTACTS WITH PRG. EVEN THOUGH HIS EFFORTS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN REGARDED TO DATE, HE STILL FEELS HE HAS MORE PRG CONTACTS THAN ANYONE ELSE AT ICCS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR DEPT, WARSAW AND BUDAPEST. EMB SAIGON WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION YOU MAY HAVE THAT GOP AND GOH HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS OR POLICIES ON PROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH PRG AND DRV. MARTIN

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